taking such a decision, it is ensured that the interests of the indigenous producers are not jeoperdised. It is not correct that the export of cotton has been banned and currently export of cotton is being permitted to the extent it is considered surplus to the domestic requirements.

Evasion of excise duty by ITC and Wazir Sultan Co.

1041. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since completed the inquiry into the evasion of excise duty of more than Rs. 500 crores by Indian Tobacco Co. and Wazir Sultan Co. by not printing the prices on cigarettes produced by them; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No avasion of central exice duty by M|s. Indian Tobacco Company on account of not printing the prices of cigarettes on cigarette packets was detected. The enquiries against M/s. Wazir Sultan Company have been completed and a demand of Rs. 17,10,369.70 on this account was issued to the assessee. They have preferred an appeal against the aforesaid demand to the Appellate Collector.

Realisation of excise duty from Escorts Ltd. and D.C.M. Group of Companies

1042. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a what are the details of the excise duty pending realisation from M|S Escorts Ltd. and D.C.M group of companies;

(b) since when the amount is pending realisation; and

(c) what steps are being taken for its realisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recovery of customs and excise duty from M/s. Union Carbide Limited

1043. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of customs and excise duty is pending realisation from M|s Union Carbide Limited;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) since when it is pending; and

(d) what steps Government have taken for the recovery of this amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

मध्य प्रदेश में प्रतिष्ठानों की ओर भविष्य निधि की बकाया राशियां

1044. श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में उन प्रतिष्ठानों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है जिनकी ओर करोड़ों रुपये की भविष्य निधि बकाया है ;